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Applicants: Yusuke MURAKAWA et al.  
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Madam/Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the final Office Action dated May 20, 2010, Applicants respectfully request examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for continued examination (RCE), with the appropriate fees, is being filed concurrently with this submission.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.

Please amend the application as follows: